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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

**Amendment of Section 73.202(b),
Table of Allotments,
FM Broadcast Stations.**

MM Docket No. 99-112
RM-9540

(Thermal, California)

Directed to: Chief, Allocations Branch

These comments are filed in support of the Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 99-112, RM-9540, by Mountain West Broadcasting, the petitioner in this matter. The facts and comments submitted in the original petition are hereby re-submitted by reference.

The petitioner would also like to re-submit its intent that it will file an application for Construction Permit to operate a new station for Thermal, California, during any window filing period or its intent to participate in auction process the Commission may conduct for this channel. Mountain West Broadcasting would also expeditiously construct the station should his application be granted.

The Commission has requested additional information regarding the community of Thermal, California as to its community status. Thermal has its own Post Office and Zip Code. It has several churches, and two elementary schools. It has several vineyards and other retail businesses. It has a town market and tavern. It is a growing community, with 800 persons according to

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the Rand McNally road atlas. Thus, Thermal, while not incorporated, is a organized community.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that the proposed change to the FM Table of Allotments be adopted, and the Commission allot Channel 278A at Thermal, California.

Respectfully submitted,



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